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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3477

Chair Rep Lively , Vice-Chairs Reps Gamba and B. Levy , Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of HB 3477 - a bill dealing with climate emissions reduction targets. It updates existing greenhouse gas emissions reductions targets to take current science into account, and sets a goal of reaching net-zero by 2050 and net-negative emissions after that.

As a father and uncle, I worry about what kind of a legacy my generation is leaving behind for our children and their generation of children after that, and so on. I don't need to recount all the evidence of danger and long-term harms that will result, and are already being seen, because of our warming planet, from wildfires and heat or storm events, to water supply and quality, or to planetary biodiversity..

HB 3477 simply takes the approach that we can leave our children in a much better position to build a sustainable and healthy planet for themselves if we set a course, now, to gradually bring down the level of greenhouse gas emissions in our atmosphere, and limit our society's new emissions. Acting now is both less costly and more achievable than waiting until the crisis is unavoidable and much worse..

HB 3477 also incentivizes collaboration between various public and private economic and social actors by putting everyone on a common timetable, meaning that various entities can work together with a joint understanding of the size of the task they are attempting to accomplish at every phase of the long-term projects. And, the impact of the steps that are taken can more easily be measured and compared to the interim targets along the way to gauge whether we are on track with or falling behind our common, scientifically-based goals.

In the hopes that we can keep global warming under control so our children's and future generations' health and quality of life is optimal, I urge you to support HB 3477.

Thank you.